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- 1. Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 (6 pages);
- 2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages);
- 3. Cited Art (4 references);
- 4.. Return Postcard.

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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Type of Statement

The present Information Disclosure Statement is:

- [X] An original Information Disclosure Statement; or
- [] A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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Compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

[X]	Pursua	ant to 37	7 CFR § 1.97(b); no fee or certification is required:
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Content of the Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicant includes copies of references as indicated below:

- [] A copy of each cited reference not indicated with an asterisk is included, except for U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications for which the submission requirements has been waived by the PTO in the Official Gazette Notice of August 5, 2003, for applications filed after June 30, 2003;
- [X] A copy of each of the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) is enclosed, except for U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications for which the submission requirement has been waived by the PTO in the Official Gazette Notice of August 5, 2003, for applications filed after June 30, 2003;
- Copies of references indicated with an asterisk on the attached form PTO-1449 are not included pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d) because they were previously provided to the United States Patent Office in an Information Disclosure Statement that complies with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)-(c) and was submitted in the following patent application that is relied upon in the present case for an earlier effective filing date under 35 USC § 120:

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[] Copies of English translations of one or more non-English references are included.

Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the aboveidentified application:

Applicant certifies that the Information Disclosure Statement either:

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Remarks

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It is respectfully requested that:

- 1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- 2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited patent(s) and publication(s) has (have) been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and

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3. The citations for the patent(s) and publication(s) be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited reference(s).

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